GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1113
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INCREASING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN J & K
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Apaharan ko anzam dene mein Taliban-ISI ka hath` and `Kandhar pahochane par apaharankartaon ke pas aur hathiyar aa gye the` and `Riha hone wale atankiyon ke chayan mein ISI ki mahatvapurn bhomika` appeared in Dainik Jagaran dated January 1, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Pakistan has won this game and our diplomats have lost it badly; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to draw the attention of international organisations in this regard and to check the infiltration of numerous suicidal terrorists of foreign missionaries viz. Lashkare-e-Toiba and Al-badar which Pakistan has sent after such activities intended to insult India in the international community and shameful defeat in Kargil?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) - (d) Government are aware of the role of Pakistan and that of Pakistan-based terrorist organisations in the hijacking of IC-814. These terrorist organizations are actively assisted and supported by the Government of Pakistan. In Kandahar, the Taliban while adopting an attitude of correct facilitator, consistently had their sympathies with the hijackers.
The hijacking has once again highlighted Pakistan`s role in promoting international terrorism and has profiled Pakistan`s state sponsorship of terrorism in India and elsewhere.

Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the notice of the international community, including in the case of the hijacking of IC-814, Pakistan`s support to terrorism and its continued attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of India. These have been brought before several international fora and have also been raised at high level bilateral discussions with world leaders.
The international community now openly recognizes Pakistan`s state-sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere in India, and the impact this has on the security of our country and the region. This greater awareness is being reflected in the statements by official spokesmen of several governments and in the international media coverage on Pakistan.
Government remain committed to taking all steps necessary to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.